

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed 6/24/05 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In view of the Examiner's earlier restriction requirement, Applicant retains the right to present the species of Group 1, Figures 1 and 2 in a divisional Application.

The abstract has been amended to correct editorial matters. No new matter has been added.

Election Requirement

An election requirement has been imposed by the Examiner. This election is respectfully traversed. The election is directed to the following species of the claimed invention:

- I. Figures 1 and 2 (splines on hinge pin)
- II. Figure 3 (no splines on hinge pin)

Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the species of Group II, Figure 3.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

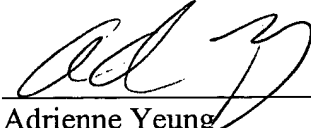
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,
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